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December 1, 2005 10:10 AM

Senator Susan Collins U.S. Senate 461 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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cc:

Linda Meglio

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1800 MacKenzie Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73099-7820

Senator James Inhofe U.S. Senate 453 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

November 1, 2005 7:17 PM

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NO NEW TAXES! I'm a senior citizen, and I'm still working. Please NO NEW TAXES!

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cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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December 1, 2005 10:14 AM

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Sincerely,

Lindsey Stone

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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC, 20554

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Jean-W. Reyes

December 10, 2005



Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Docket # 02-123

This is in regard to the above referenced petition for captioned telephone service being mandated by the FCC.

In the past, as part of a volunteer effort, I had a deaf client that depended on the relay service. Between the two of us, we spent many hours trying to handle messages using the relay service. The waiting time for sending and getting answers back consumed many frustrating hours.

Captioned telephone service would eliminate the need for another person to be a part of a two-person conversation, and, most importantly, would be immediately visible on a screen right on the phone. Now, people hesitate to initiate a relay call because of all the time spent waiting, all of which would be eliminated with a captioned telephone.

Therefore, the captioned telephone service would be a tremendous life saver for those needing this service.

I srongly urge your support for captioned telephone service.

Sincerely.

Raymond T. Koenig 5 Packett's Grove

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Office of Secretary FCC Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been made aware that the FCC is now considering whether to require captioned telephone service throughout the United States. My vote is YES. Immediately.

Not being able to use the telephone affects a persons every day life. It prohibits one from calling a doctor to make an appointment when sick, taking a call from your child's school or just having a conversation with a loved one. The list of limitations goes on and on.

It is my opinion that CapTel should be mandatory in all states. I hope legislation is passed very soon to make this a permanent full time service.

Sincerely,

Linda Jeter

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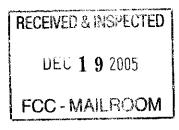
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December 13, 2005



FCC, Chairman Kevin J. Martin 445 12th Street Southwest Washington, D.C. 20554

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Senator Arlen Specter U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Sincerely,

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220 Keystone Dr. Ext, Asheville, NC 28806

December 1, 2005 5:46 AM

Senator Elizabeth Dole U.S. Senate 555 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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December 1, 2005 6:38 AM

Senator Saxby Chambliss U.S. Senate 416 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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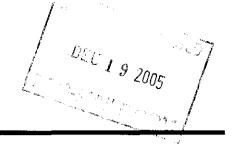
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Representative Tim Murphy U.S. House of Representatives 322 Cannon House Office Buil Washington, DC 20515

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